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SUBJECT: US FOOD AID TO SUDAN AND GUINEA

1. LUCACCIONI, AN EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH FOOD AID MATTERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE, HAS RAISED WITH US THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS CONCERNING PROPOSED U.S. FOOD AID TO SUDAN AND GUINEA.

2. THE COMMISSION WAS INFORMED IN EARLY APRIL BY ITS WASHINGTON DELEGATION OF PROPOSED U.S. FOOD AID PROGRAMS FOR SUDAN (20,000 MT OF WHEAT) AND GUINEA (3,750 MT OF WHEAT FLOUR). THE DEADLINE DATES FOR CONSULTATIONS WERE APRIL 18 AND APRIL 15, RESPECTIVELY. LUCACCIONI

ASKS IF THESE DEADLINE DATES COULD BE EXTENDED TO APRIL 19 TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION A LITTLE MORE TIME TO CONSULT WITH THE MEMBER STATES.

3. ACCORDING TO LUCACCIONI, THE UMR PROPOSED BY THE U.S. FOR SUDAN IS 169,000 M.T. LUCACCIONI SAYS THE COMMISSION OBJECTS TO THIS UMR FOR

THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) IN 1973 THE COMMUNITY ESTABLISHED A UMR OF 146,000 .T. FOR AID SHIPMENTS TO SUDAN IN FY 1973/74.

(SEE CSD DOCUMENT CCP/CSD/73/115 OF JULY 24, 1973). THIS UMR WAS ESTABLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EC FOOD AID SHIPMENT TO
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SUDAN OF 5,000 M.T. OF WHEAT. LUCACCIONI SAYS THE U.S. "AGREED TO"

THE UMR OF 146,000 M.T. FOR FY 1973/74. (B) THE DATA ON IMPORTS INTO SUDAN, SUPPLIED BY THE U.S., GIVE NO SOURCE AND DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH IWC DATA WHICH FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE UMR ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION. LUCACCIONI WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE U.S. DATA AND THE REASON FOR THE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE DATA AND THE IWC DATA. IWC DATA, ACCORDING TO LUCACCIONI, SHOW THAT TOTAL COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF WHEAT INTO SUDAN WERE AS FOLLOWS IN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1968/69-1972/73:

YEAR	M.T.
1968/69	104,867
1969/70	122,874
1970/71	233,639
1971/72	234,233
1972/73	65,140
AVERAGE	152,151

(C) THE YEAR TO WHICH THE UMR PROPOSED BY THE U.S. APPLIES IS NOT SPECIFIED. LUCACCIONI WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE YEAR INVOLVED (FY 1974 OR 1975).

4. LUCACCIONI SAYS HE ALSO "HAS PROBLEMS" WITH THE 4,700 M.T. UMR PROPOSED BY THE U.S. FOR GUINEA. THE REASONS AGAIN ARE THAT THE IMPORT DATA SUPPLIED BY THE U.S. ARE NOT SOURCED AND DO NOT CORRESPOND TO IWC DATA. FOR EXAMPLE, THE IWC DATA SHOW IMPORTS INTO THE SUDAN FROM THE EC IN 1972/73 OF 1,558 M.T. THE DATA FROM THE U.S. SHOW SUDANESE IMPORTS IN THAT YEAR FROM FRANCE OF 5,007 MT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF THE DEADLINE DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE U.S. FOOD AID TO SUDAN AND GUINEA CAN BE EXTENDED TO APRIL 19. ALSO, PLEASE INFORM US HOW TO RESPOND TO LUCACCIONI'S OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSE UMR'S. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE EC'S WASHINGTON DELEGATION. MYERSON

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